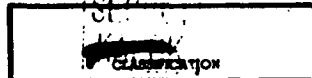


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SUBJECT GENERAL Operational/REDWOOD/AERODYNAMIC/AERREADY
SPECIFIC AECASSOWARY 6's availability for AERREADY training

Reference: DIR 0221h

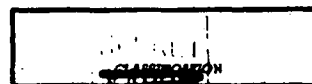
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1. AECASSOWARY-2 had already informed AECASSOWARY-6 by letter (before reference was received) that he was being considered for some kind of FBPRIME training, therefore the matter was taken up with him officially to determine his views of the offer. Lacking details of what was involved in AERREADY, and especially as applicable to AECASSOWARY-6, the undersigned explained in general to AECASSOWARY-6 that a program has been created whereby people like himself are to be trained in unconventional warfare and then held in reserve in case of a hot war. This training, the undersigned explained, is to be given in FBPRIME and is expected to last approximately seven months. The undersigned further told AECASSOWARY-6 that he (the undersigned) had no additional details about this matter and therefore was not in a position to say exactly where in FBPRIME this training would be given, exactly what Headquarters had in mind for him, what he would do on completion of the training or how he would travel to FBPRIME ("black" or otherwise). However, the undersigned said, he expected to receive additional information about this once Headquarters knew his reaction to the offer, and he would let him know more then.

2. AECASSOWARY-6 expressed his willingness to do whatever AECASSOWARY-2 thought best for him to do, and also said he was always prepared to do anything which might enable him to carry on the struggle for an independent Homeland and the overthrow of the Communist regime. However, while agreeing to take this AERREADY training, he said he would still like to know a few more details to make sure he takes the correct step.

3. In view of the relatively quiet state of affairs at the present vis-a-vis AECASSOWARY-6, and his availability, so to speak, MCB has no objections to having AERREADY ready AECASSOWARY-6 for a hot war. In fact, MCB considers him an outstanding candidate, who, because of his experience in unconventional and clandestine activity, and because of his strong motivation, should provide an excellent asset to the program. Thus, if he finally consents to take the training and something unexpected does not occur to prevent his departure, he can be counted on to begin class in October.

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5. In conjunction with the above, MOB would like to bring to the attention of Headquarters a matter alluded to several times before in earlier dispatches, namely, failure to advise MOB about certain AERODYNAMIC/AIRCRAFTAGE developments about which ABCASSOWARY-2 seems to find time to inform ABCASSOWARY 3 and 6, or at least scoop Headquarters on. A good example of this is the plan for ABCASSOWARY-6 by AERREADY which ABCASSOWARY-2 advised ABCASSOWARY-6 about quite some time before reference was received. Another example, to name just one more, was the briefing ABCASSOWARY-3 received from ABCASSOWARY-2 on the Information Bulletin being issued by ABCASSOWARY-2's PEPRIME group. Having learned about this Bulletin for the first and only time from ABCASSOWARY-3, and having certain questions put to him by ABCASSOWARY-3 about this, the undersigned found it rather embarrassing to admit he knew absolutely nothing about the Bulletin and therefore was in no position to discuss it let alone answer his questions.

6. On the assumption Headquarters is cognizant of the adverse effect this sort of situation has on case officer-project associate relationship, further explanations are considered unnecessary. However, it should be pointed out that unless measures are taken to prevent this sort of thing in the future, the case officer, as far as AECASSOWARY-3 is concerned, will probably be reduced to the role of subsidy passer and nothing more. For, as matters now stand, AECASSOWARY-3 and the case officer find little satisfaction trying to discuss project topics of mutual interest. No doubt AECASSOWARY-3 often attends meetings as a fulfillment of an obligation (and to pick up the subsidy) rather than for a serious discussion of project matters, knowing from experience that the case officer knows less and less about PBPRIME project developments. But as long as AECASSOWARY-2 continues to serve as Headquarters mouthpiece, AECASSOWARY-3 is probably not as disturbed with the state of affairs as is the case officer.

7. It is suggested, in fact recommended, that unless Headquarters is not particularly concerned or disturbed by the steady deterioration of case officer-AECASSOWARY relationship as explained above, and intends to continue relying on AECASSOWARY-2 as the communication channel between FBPRIME and the field counterpart, that AECASSOWARY-2 be asked to desist from sending operational and project information or at least delay until after Headquarters finds time to inform the field first. Or perhaps AECASSOWARY-2 should be asked to coordinate his operational dispatches in order to give Headquarters an opportunity of beating him to the punch by cable.

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